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Minerals Management Service  
Office of the District Mining Supervisor  
2040 Administration Building  
1745 West 1700 South  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84104

April 2, 1982

Mr. James Smith  
Utah State Division  
Oil, Gas, & Mining  
4241 State Office Building  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dear Mr. Smith:

Attached is a copy of the mine plan approval for American Gilsonite Company's Bonanza 44 through 56 mines on Federal gilsonite lease U-0126940 and authorization-to-mine tract.

The enclosed copy includes the following:

1. Approval letter dated April 2, 1982.
2. Proposed mine plan letter from American Gilsonite Company dated September 29, 1981. (You have already received a copy of the mine plan.)
3. Your copy of the signed signature page of the Environmental Analysis (you have already received a copy of the EA).
4. A copy of BLM's response to the mine plan listing stipulations it requests (this memo goes in Appendix 2 of the EA).

If you have any questions, please contact Allen Vance or me.

Sincerely yours,

*Joseph B. Mearns*  
For Jackson W. Moffitt  
District Mining Supervisor

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Salt Lake City, Utah 84104

April 2, 1982

Mr. Richard E. Carlbert  
Mining Engineer  
American Gilsonite Company  
P. O. Box 28  
Bonanza, Utah 84008

Dear Mr. Carlbert:

On October 2, 1981, we received a revised mine plan for the Little Bonanza vein (referred to as the Bonanza vein in your plan) located on Federal gilsonite lease U-0126940.

An Environmental Analysis dated March 10, 1982, has been reviewed by the Federal and State agencies involved and it was determined that the proposed action does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment in the sense of NEPA, Section 102(2)(c), and the environmental impacts of the proposed action are not likely to be highly controversial.

Accordingly, the mine plan is approved subject to the following stipulations:

1. That the mine plan is strictly adhered to and that any proposed modifications thereto will be requested in writing to this office providing sufficient narrative description and map data to allow an engineering response.

2. This mine plan approval is subject to special stipulations listed in attachment A.

3. This office shall be contacted at least 48 hours before construction activity begins (we will in turn contact BLM's Bookcliffs Resource Area Manager or his representative).

4. In accordance with the order issued on March 10, 1982, giving authorization-to-mine on the NE<sup>1</sup>SE<sup>1</sup>SW<sup>1</sup>, sec. 17, T. 9 S., R. 24 E., SLM, American Gilsonite Company will mine the gilsonite on this 10-acre tract in proper sequence with the approved mine development. All regulatory mining and reclamation actions required in the approved mine plan on the lease will apply to this tract.

5. A bond will be supplied to protect the Government's interest as required by the Bureau of Land Management.

Any approvals or confirmations required by the State of Utah (DOGM) will be the responsibility of the company to obtain in accordance with operations related to this action.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Allen Vance or me.

Sincerely yours,

For Jackson W. Moffitt  
District Mining Supervisor

Attachment

cc: Denver  
Bookcliffs Resource Area Manager, BLM  
Department of Oil, Gas & Mining  
T.C. Moseley, American Gilsonite Company



ATTACHMENT A

Special Stipulations To Mine Plan on Federal  
Gilsonite Lease U-0126940  
and Authorization-to-Mine Tract

1. There will be no burying or burning of trash on the lease.
2. All storage areas and facilities which present a possible safety hazard will be fenced.
3. No access roads other than those proposed in the mine plan will be constructed.
4. Permanent roads will be crowned and sufficient borrow ditches constructed to allow for adequate drainage.
5. Access across existing drainages will be nonrestrictive to natural flow.
6. Those areas where disturbance is temporary, will be ripped and reseeded according to a prescribed seed mixture as they no longer become needed.
7. All cut slopes shall be no steeper than 3:1 and fill slopes shall not exceed a 2:1 ratio.
8. Those areas where toxic gases are being vented shall be signed as necessary.
9. Upon completion of operations, all surface structures including concrete pads will be removed and the ground scarified and reseeded.







American Gilsonite Company

P. O. BOX 28  
BONANZA, UTAH 84008

September 29, 1981

*Attn: Gordon, Boyd  
+ Allen  
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RJS*

Mr. Jackson W. Moffit, Area Mining Supervisor  
United States Geological Survey, Conservation Division  
2040 Administration Building  
1745 West 1700 South  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84104

RE: Lease U-0126940

Dear Mr. Moffit:

Enclosed please find six (6) copies of our proposed mining plan for the Bonanza Gilsonite vein on Federal Lease U-0126940. This plan has been completely updated and revised to address all of the requirements of Title 30 CFR, Part 231.10(c).

Due to the number of revisions made with regard to mine site locations and access road requirements, a surface survey with your agency, the Vernal BLM office, and the State Division of Natural Resources would be advisable.

Also, please note at the end of the report part of the plan that the gilsonite vein is not contained entirely within the legal boundary of this lease. I will need to be advised of how to proceed with incorporating the section of vein located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 17 into the current lease or the procedure for acquiring this section in addition to the existing lease. This situation should be addressed separately from the mining plan approval to prevent holding up development of the first four mines on this lease. Your help with regard to this matter is greatly appreciated.

I regret the long delay in preparing and submitting this plan, and hope that this draft is complete enough to be processed and approved.

Very truly yours,

Richard Carlbert

Encl.

- 6 copies Mine Plan (6 pgs)
- 6 copies Surface Map 1
- 6 copies Surface Map 2
- 6 copies Plan View 1
- 6 copies Plan View 2

**APPROVED**  
MINING PLAN BY M.M.S.  
BRANCH OF MINING OPERATIONS

Date: 4/2/82  
By: J. Gordon  
District Mining Supervisor  
  
Deputy District Mining Supervisor  
Joseph B. McKean  
Senior Staff Mining Eng.  
Allen F. Vance  
Mining Engineer



7. Determination

I determine that the proposed action does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment in the sense of NEPA, Section 102 (2) (C), and the environmental impacts of the proposed action are not likely to be highly controversial.

Prepared by Allen L. Vance 3/10/82  
Allen L. Vance, Mining Engineer Date

I Concur: Jackson W. Moffitt 3/10/82  
Jackson W. Moffitt, District Mining Supervisor Date

Lloyd H. Ferguson 3/26/82  
Lloyd H. Ferguson, District Manager, Bureau of Land Management Date

John Trippe, Minerals Manager \_\_\_\_\_  
Central Region Date

Environmental Analysis  
American Gilsonite Company, Lessee  
Bonanza 44--56 Mines  
Federal Gilsonite Lease--U-0126940



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Prepared by Allen L. Vance  
Allen L. Vance, Mining Engineer

3/10/82  
Date

I Concur: Jackson W. Moffitt  
Jackson W. Moffitt, District  
Mining Supervisor

3/10/82  
Date

Lloyd H. Ferguson  
Lloyd H. Ferguson, District  
Manager, Bureau of Land Management

                      
Date

John T. Skinner  
FOR John Trippe, Minerals Manager  
Central Region

3/18/82  
Date

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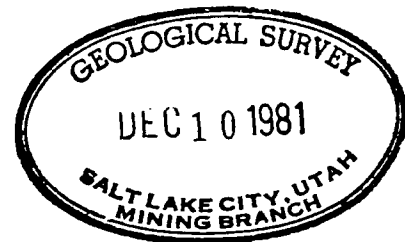
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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
VERNAL DISTRICT OFFICE  
170 South 500 East  
Vernal, Utah 84078

December 8, 1981

Allen L. Vance  
U.S. Geological Survey  
Office of the Area Mining Supervisor  
Administration Building Room 2040  
1745 West 1700 South  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84104



Re: American Gilsonite Co.  
Mining Plan U-0126940  
Uintah County, Utah

Dear Sir:

In reference to the above mine plan, we have the following recommendations:

1. There will be no burying or burning of trash on the lease.
2. All storage areas and facilities which present a possible safety hazard will be fenced.
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*GS IS THE SOUL CONTACT EXCEPT IN AN  
EMERGENCY SITUATION! (E.O. 12948)  
WE CAN CONTACT BLM.*

Sincerely

*Lloyd Ferguson*  
Lloyd Ferguson  
District Manager